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## ALLARD SUPPORTS PRESIDENT BUSH'S CALL FOR QUICK PASSAGE OF DEFENSE BILLS

SAYS "MAJORITY LEADER DASCHLE SHOULD MAKE DEFENSE BILLS SENATE'S TOP PRIORITY."

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today said he "strongly" agreed with President Bush's request that Congress make the Defense Authorization and Appropriations bills their top priority.

"I strongly agree with President Bush's request that Congress act quickly to pass the Defense Authorization and Appropriations legislation," said Allard. "At a time when we have young men and women risking their lives overseas in the war on terrorism, this is not the time for political gamesmanship."

"Congress has an obligation to ensure that our troops receive the best equipment and best training necessary to be successful," added Allard. "I urge Majority Leader Daschle and my colleagues to heed President Bush's call to act expeditiously in passing these important defense bills."

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